STATEMENT II

Projected population of persons aged 60 years and above for the years 1996 to 2005

India/Major States	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
India	62,317	63,635	65,069	66,673	68,510	70,571	71,944	73,756	76,006	78,690
Andhra Pradesh	4,793	4,946	5,066	5,196	5,338	5,587	5,706	5,874	6,087	6,344
Assam	1,291	1,310	1,333	1,359	1,391	1,428	1,452	1,487	1,532	1,587
Bihar	5,729	5,762	5,802	5,857	5,928	6,118	6,139	6,220	6,358	6,551
Gujarat	2,905	2,903	2,913	2,937	2,973	3,076	3,089	3,131	3,200	3,295
Haryana	1,421	1,408	1,399	1,395	1,399	1,415	1,409	1,414	1,430	1,465
Karnataka	3,392	3,452	3,517	3,591	3,680	3,783	3,847	3,940	4,060	4,207
Kerala	2,726	2,803	2,883	2,969	3,061	3,162	3,234	3,314	3,403	3,499
Madhya Pradesh	4,883	4,942	5,013	5,100	5,210	5,348	5,398	5,486	5,611	5,770
Maharashtra	5,949	6,037	6,145	6,274	6,428	6,603	6,676	6,799	6,970	7,188
Orissa	2,431	2,759	2,492	2,534	2,587	2,652	2,672	2,711	2,769	2,843
Punjab	1,735	1,719	1,708	1,703	1,704	1,743	1,721	1,716	1,728	1,756
Rajasthan	3,051	3,122	3,184	3,250	3,320	3,457	3,515	3,597	3,703	3,833
Tamil Nadu	4,414	4,571	4,737	4,912	5,101	5,301	5,466	5,659	5,881	6,130
Uttar Pradesh	10,610	10,684	10,772	10,886	11,025	11,390	11,438	11,581	11,815	12,135
West Bengal	4,459	4,594	4,739	4,895	4,067	5,291	5,413	5,604	5,823	6,069

[English]

Work Load on Consumer Fora

1615. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the method of functioning of the Consumer Fora;

(b) the number of cases pending with different Consumer Fora as on date, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether any assessment has been made of the work-load presently handled by the various Consumer Fora and their utility, from the consumers point of view;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps envisaged to strengthen these Fora so that the consumer could get an early redressal of their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The Consumer Fora are functioning accordance with the procedure laid down in the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 and the Rules framed thereunder at National, State and District level.

(b) As per the information available with the Government the number of cases pending with the State Commissions and District fora is given Statewise in the Statement.

(c) to (e). Central Government monitors the performance of the Consumer Fora in consultation with the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (National Commission) on a continual basis. Number of Cases pending with various Consumer Fora are still large. The pendency of cases in Consumer Fora is on account of factors such as inadequate infrastructure, frequent adjournments in the Fora and delay in appointments of the Presidents and Members of the Fora, etc. Concerned State Governments have been advised to activate the non-functional Fora by appointing Presidents/Members well in time. To strengthen the infrastructure of the Consumer Fora and also to reduce pendency of cases in the Consumer Fora, Central Government has commenced a scheme of one-time financial assistance of rupees 61 crores to the States and UTs. The level of pendency of Cases has declined during last two years as a result of the release of two instalments of grants to various States/UTs.

STATEMENT

State/UT	State Commissions		District Forums
	No. of Complaints Pending	No. of Appeals Pending	No. of Complaints Pending
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	715	723	12937
Arunachal Pradesh	4	4	34

1	2	3	4
Assam	210	176	826
Bihar	259	1268	10795
Goa	42	45	607
Gujarat	421	367	16148
Haryana	96	1127	10149
Himachal Pradesh	159	331	1077
Jammu & Kashmir	32	10	1045
Karnataka	267	1126	11419
Kerala	233	1348	5675
Madhya Pradesh	105	784	11510
Maharashtra	755	1958	16654
Manipur	0	15	10
Meghalaya	10	8	38
Mizoram	0	2	12
Nagaland	4	0	7
Orissa	515	1722	2065
Punjab	23	174	3039
Rajasthan	134	6264	10618
Sikkim	0	1	7
Tamil Nadu	427	1123	5097
Tripura	9	9	85
Uttar Pradesh	850	6226	49821
West Bengal	2148	273	14330
Andaman & Nicobar	0	1	12
Chandigarh	122	92	3527
D & N Haveli	0	0	10
Daman & Diu	0	0	16
Delhi	1077	1194	9680
Lakshadweep	0	2	2
Pondicherry	5	2	2
Total	8622	26393	197348

Forestry Action Plan

1616. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Draft State Forestry Action Plan was submitted to the Government by Andhra Pradesh Government in conformity with the National Forestry Action Plan;

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered the draft State Forest Action Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be approved and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes Sir, State Forestry Action Programme of Andhra Pradesh, duly approved by State Level Steering Committee has been received. This is largely in line with National Forestry Action Programme.

(b) and (c). The plan submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government along with State Forestry Action Programme of other States is being integrated into National Forestry Action Programme.

(d) The National Forestry Action Programme is expected to be completed and approved within 1997 and thereafter shall be placed before the Planning Commission and other donor agencies for funding.

[Translation]

Foodgrains to Traders

1617. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) the wheat stocks made available to foodgrains traders for Delhi during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the said wheat stocks were not make available from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India situated in Delhi but from the far-flung areas from Delhi;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any suggestions/requests had been received from the traders association to make available wheat to the traders from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India situated in Delhi;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereupon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The quantity of wheat sold to various buyers including traders in Delhi during the last three years is as under:

(figures in lakh tonnes)

1993-94 (from Oct., 93)	0.13
1994-95	1.26
1995-96	1.44
1996-97 (upto Oct., 96)	0.48

(b) Wheat stocks were made available from FCI godowns of Delhi During all the above years except during July, 96 to October, 96.

(c) The open sale by FCI is conducted only from the surplus stock available at various Depots/areas over and above the requirements of PDS/RPDS and other Government sponsored welfare schemes. During the last four months, the wheat stock in the local godowns